

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 23, 2014

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., and Russell Anzalone  
Absent: Robbyn Tumey

Others present: County Clerk Tena O'Brien, Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Tiffany Underwood

Media: No Media Present

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

- A. Order to Establish the Official Polling Sites and Early Voting Sites for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held June 10, 2014: Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Anzalone for discussion on the polling locations and early voting sites. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the Official Polling Sites and Early Voting Sites as listed for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held June 10, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Review & Approval of Paper and Ivotronic Ballots for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held on June 10, 2014: Chairman Brown and Commissioner Anzalone reviewed and accepted the paper and Ivotronic ballots for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held June 10, 2014.
- C. Order to Establish Election Officials for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held on June 10, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Election Officials for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held on June 10, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Order to Appoint Election Commissioners John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvas Absentee Ballots for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held on June 10, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to appoint Commissioners John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held June 10, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Discussion of Absentee Ballots Cast for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election held May 20, 2014: Commissioner Anzalone stated that he and Commissioner Tumey did not count absentee ballots that did not have a photo ID attached or which did not meet the identification requirements, according to Act 595 of 2013. Commissioner Anzalone stated that according to §7-5-412(2) a current copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter with some restrictions could be used. Election Coordinator Kim Dennison stated that the identification requirement must be submitted with the absentee ballot, because there is no grace period as with provisional ballots. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Anzalone re-examined the forty-nine (49) absentee ballots that the commission had previously rejected. After the re-examination, thirty-three (33) absentee ballots were rejected and sixteen (16) absentee ballots were counted.
- F. Discussion of the Provisional Ballots Cast in the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election held May 20, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to table until Tuesday, May 27, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Chairman Brown stated the next meeting would be Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 1 P.M.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
Benton County Election Commission